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CHILD ABUSE**



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SPOTTING THE SIGNS

If you think a child is being abused or you think their safety is at risk,
then it is important to tell someone.

These are some potential signs of abuse and neglect



Frequent
unexplained
injuries



Consistently
poor hygiene



Becoming **unusually
secretive** and
reluctant to share
information



**Unexplained
gifts or
possessions**



A **parent regularly** collecting children
from school when **drunk / on drugs**



Demanding or aggressive **behaviour**



Frequent lateness or **absence** from school



Avoiding their own family



A young person **misusing drugs** or **alcohol**



A child being **constantly tired**



Sexual or aggressive **language**



Self-**harming**



Being **overly obedient**

You don't have to be absolutely certain about whether a child is being abused. If you have a feeling that something's not right, talk to your local children's social care team who will look into it.

These are all signs of potential abuse or neglect.

Each of us has a role to play.

If you're worried about a child, visit gov.uk/reportchildabuse

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